

# Village of Los Lunas



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## **\$1.8 Million for Main Street/NM 6**

# **Legislature Funds Village Projects**

The village is slated to receive \$1.8 million for improvements to Main Street in the Capital Outlay Bill passed by the New Mexico State Legislature in the 2006 regular session.

The bill has gone to Governor Bill Richardson for his consideration and signature. He can veto individual projects.

The Village conducted a two-phase transportation study which included developing traffic volume projections for the future as well

as planning potential solutions to address traffic volumes. Phase 2 examined the needs of eight major intersections on Main Street. The \$1.8 million will be used for these projects.

Other funding for the village in the Capital Outlay Bill includes:

- \$519,250 for Trujillo Road improvements.
- \$200,000 for arsenic mitigation at the east side well.
- \$115,000 for a crime scene vehicle for the Los Lunas police

department.

Other projects funded in the Capital Outlay Bill which affect people in the Los Lunas include:

- Funding for the 13th Judicial District Attorney's office and construction of the new courthouse.

- Miscellaneous funding for Los Lunas Schools projects.

Valencia County legislators include Senators Michael S. Sanchez, Joseph Fidel, James Taylor and Representatives Fred Luna, Kandy Cordova and Don Tripp.

# **Council Okays Park Impact Fee**

The Village Council has approved the implementation of a park impact fee which will be paid by developers of new subdivisions.

Planning projections for the village indicate that new residential development will continue which will place ever-increasing demands on the village to provide necessary public facilities.

Implementing the park impact fee is a way for developers to help meet the demands placed upon public facilities by development.

The Village Council strives to provide adequate recreation for not only the citizens of Los Lunas but people living in the surrounding area.

The Village Parks and

Recreation Planning Standards for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan serve as a blueprint for acquiring, devel-

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**Heavy Equipment on the Move for Transportation Center**  
**Work is proceeding on the Village Transportation Center south of Court-**  
**house and Juan Perea Roads. This is adjacent to the stop for the Railrunner**  
**Express which is anticipated to begin service this spring between Belen and**  
**Bernalillo. Center plans include a 5,000 square foot facility with shops, shel-**  
**tered bus stops, parking and a park. The center will be the new home to the**  
**village's van program which delivers passengers to a variety of destinations**  
**throughout Valencia County.**

# Impact Fee Will Help Increase Recreation

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opening and maintaining parks, trails, recreation facilities and open space lands.

The Comprehensive Land Use Plan encourages the village to retain open space, develop recreational opportunities, conserve fish and wildlife habitat, increase access to natural resource lands and water, and develop park facilities.

New residential developments cause and impose increased demands upon public facilities and services that are specifically and uniquely attributable to those new residential developments. Affected services include public pools, parks and recreation centers.

The amount of the impact fees required of developers will be determined by a periodic needs assessment so that the proportionate cost of the additional public facilities needed to support the new development can be calculated.

Additional public facilities will be identified in the Capital Improvement Plan to ensure that new residential developers are required to pay only for constructing needed capital facilities specifically and uniquely attributable to the new residential development.

## Free/Low Cost Health Insurance Available for Some People

Free health insurance is available for children up to age 19 and some pregnant women through the New MexiKids program.

New MexiKids covers regular check-ups, shots, dental visits, hospital care, prescriptions, sports physicals, eye glasses, and other items.

For information or to find out how to qualify to participate, call Youth Development, Inc. at 865-3999.

## Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice a month in the council chambers in the Administration Building on the corner of Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Meeting dates for 2006 are:

March 16 & 23 April 6 & 20

May 11 & 25 June 8 & 22

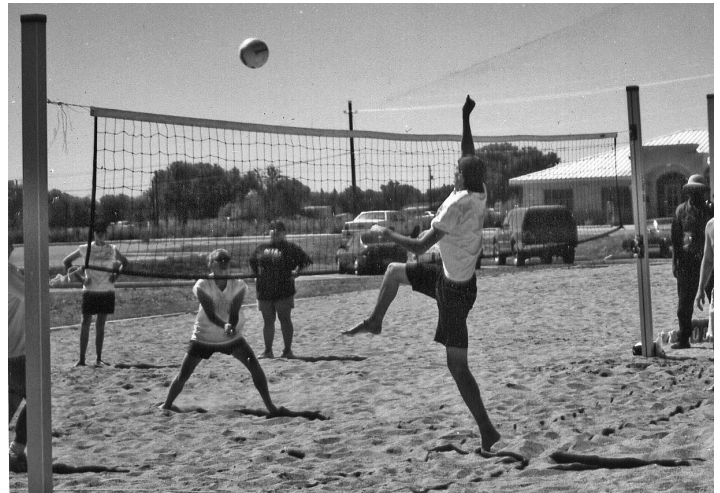
July 6 & 20 August 3 & 17

September 7 & 21 October 5 & 19

November 2 & 16 December 14 & 28

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Once in a while meetings are rescheduled so check with village officials at 839-3840 to be sure a meeting has not been changed.

The agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting from the bulletin board in the lobby of the Administration Building, located at 660 Main Street NW, Los Lunas, NM; the Los Lunas Library located at 460 Main Street NE in Los Lunas, NM; and posted on the village website (address: [www.loslunasnm.gov](http://www.loslunasnm.gov)).



**The new impact fees will help increase recreational opportunities. Above a volleyball game is enjoyed at Heritage Park on Lambros Loop.**

## Special Olympic Shirts

New Special Olympic shirts are available! All money donated in Valencia County directly benefits the Special Olympics teams in Valencia County: the Belen - Los Lunas Cobras and Valencia Valiant Vikings.

To order a shirt, please call Vivian at 865-0659.

## More Village Road Work Completed

Work was recently completed on Russell and Carlson Drives as part of the village co-op Projects. Work had been completed earlier on Calle Don Demetrio and Balboa as part of the co-op.

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP DAY

COMING IN APRIL

CALL MARIE OR JOSIE FOR DETAILS 839-3842

**VISIT THE  
VILLAGE WEBSITE**  
[www.loslunasnm.gov](http://www.loslunasnm.gov)

### VILLAGE OFFICIALS

*Louis F. Huning* Mayor  
Councilors

*Cecilia CC Castillo* *Charles Griego*  
*Gerard Saiz* *Robert Vialpando*

**Municipal Judge** Jeff Aragon

**Village Administrator**

Phillip Jaramillo Master Municipal Clerk  
**Chief of Police** Nick Balido

# Split Vote Approves Mobility Plan; Councilors Concerned with Interchange

The Valencia County Mobility Plan was approved by the Los Lunas Village Council at a February meeting on a split vote.

Village councilors Robert Vialpando and Gerard Saiz voted against approving the plan. Both councilors were concerned with the listing of a new interchange for Interstate 25 at the boundary of Isleta Pueblo and Valencia County. This interchange is proposed to hook up to NM 314.

Vialpando and Sais felt this interchange should not have the same importance as a new Interstate 25 interchange near Morris Road. The Morris Road interchange is proposed to include an additional east/west corridor for Valencia County.

Councilors Cecilia CC Castillo and Charles Griego, as well as Mayor Louis F. Huning, voted to approve the Mobility Plan saying it was a plan in progress, a good starting point for improving transportation in Valencia County.

The Mobility Plan was created by Loretta Tollefson of the Mid-Region Council of Governments with the aid of Valencia County steering and technical committees and public involvement.

The goal of the plan is to have a financially constrained, prioritized list of transportation actions and projects for the area.

Elements included bike/pedestrian routes/trails, public transportation suggestions, equestrian suggestions, roadways with a goal of construction by 2015, studies to be completed on roadways by 2015 and roadways with a goal of construction by 2025.

Recommendations in the plan included:

- Conducting further study and public involvement prior to implementation or construction as per state and federal regulations.
- Holding an annual workshop of elected officials to review and modify project lists.
- Updating forecasts every five years to revise the plan as needed.

In addition to the Los Lunas Village Council, the plan was presented to the Bosque Farms Council, Valencia County Commission, Belen City Council and the Los Lunas Public Schools.

More information on the plan is available by accessing the Mid-Region Council of Governments website: [www.mrcog.nm.gov](http://www.mrcog.nm.gov).



## SAINT PATRICK'S BALLOON RALLY



**STARTING AT 7 AM WEATHER PERMITTING**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 18      SUNDAY, MARCH 19**  
**HERITAGE PARK 3445 LAMBROS ROAD LOS LUNAS**  
**MUSIC, ARTS AND CRAFTS, FOOD,**  
**ENTERTAINMENT AND LOTS OF HOT AIR BALLOONS**

**Presented by the**  
**Valencia Flying & Retrieval Society**  
**and the Los Lunas Parks and Recreation Department**  
**For information call 352-3584**



## **Extension of Desert Willow to Merillat Industries Started**

CCM Contracting has started on the project which will extend Desert Willow north to the Merillat Industries plant with an anticipated total project completion date of August, 2006.

Desert Willow is the street to the west of the Wal-Mart Super Center.

The project includes extending Desert Willow north to Merillat's plant with sewer and water, storm drainage, curb, gutter and sidewalks.

Purple Sage, another way to get to Merillat, will also be improved as part of this project. Those improvements also include sewer and water, storm drainage, curb, gutter and sidewalks

Desert Willow is expected to be paved and open by the end of May with Purple Sage to be paved and open by mid-July.

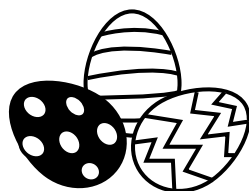
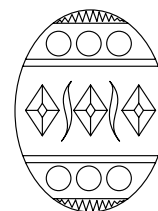
The Merillat Industries plant is currently under construction with an expected completion date of early 2007. It is anticipated that some 700 people will be employed there when the plant is in full production.

Merillat is currently training employees for jobs at the Los Lunas plant at a site in Albuquerque. Merillat has received a state economic development grant for training.

CCM recently completed the Luna Hills Project in southwest Los Lunas..

# **Easter Egg Hunt**

## **Wednesday April 12**



**Noon 1-5 year olds**

**Carson Drive Neighborhood Park**

**4 PM 6-11 year olds**

**Daniel Fernandez Park**

# **DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday, March 25, 2006**

**Daniel Fernandez Park Gym**

**Starts at 9 am Cost: \$15 per person**

**This tournament is open to men and women 18 and up with teams consisting of six players each. Individuals and team sign-ups available.**

**Individuals will be placed on a six-person team.**

**This tournament is an effort to raise money to equip and support the Los Lunas Fire Department Honor Guard. It is sponsored by the Los Lunas Fire Department and Los Lunas Parks and Recreation Department.**

**For more information call**

**David Foreman 650-5037 Leroy Ortega 604-3088**

**Village Parks & Recreation — Mike McDaniels 865-5080**